

THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

**ISSUED BY THE
CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY**

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~~**TOP SECRET**~~

1. East Germany -
Czechoslovakia

a. The Ulbricht regime, uneasy over what it fears is an approaching change of direction within the Czech Communist party, is setting up defenses against contamination.

b. Underlying East German concern are signs that liberalizing pressures are building up against the doctrinaire policies of Czech party boss Novotny. The abruptness of Ulbricht's moves makes us suspect, in fact, that he knows something about Novotny's political future which we do not.

c. [REDACTED]

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the East Germans have put a quarantine on news from Czechoslovakia which could be unsettling at home.

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2. Peru

a. Belaunde Terry's share of the vote runs to approximately 40 percent vs. 33 percent for Haya de la Torre, with some 90 percent of the ballots now counted.

b. The next move by Haya's APRA party is contingent on the final tally. If Belaunde's margin of victory is no greater than some 50,000 votes, APRA will try to force new elections in northern districts where it claims electoral fraud. APRA hopes, in that event, that its normal strength in those districts would carry the election for Haya.

c. APRA intends, however, to concede the election to Belaunde if he holds his present substantial edge. The party would thereupon offer to cooperate with Belaunde in congress, on condition that he does not play ball with the Communists.

d. APRA fully expects to be refused, however, and to go into opposition.

e. Looking beyond the election, the staunchly anti-Communist APRA foresees that its prime concern will be to ward off a Communist encroachment on APRA-led trade unions.

3. British Guiana

a. With the threat of renewed violence hanging over the colony as a result of continuing antigovernment demonstrations, the British have met Premier Jagan's request for a troop turnout to reinforce local security forces.

b. The Guiana government, has asked the USSR for help in relieving the food and fuel shortages growing out of the seven-week general strike.

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4. Cuba

a. The Cuban agricultural chief has conceded publicly that this year's sugar harvest is badly off. He gives a figure of 3.8 million metric tons and says that this adds up to a "huge inadequacy" in output.

b. This figure, which means a drop of some million tons from last year's poor enough output, is probably a rough approximation but a fairly accurate one.

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c. It appears that the rest of the crop is entirely earmarked for the bloc, contrary to rumors in sugar trading circles that the Cubans would be allowed to put some on the world market.

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5. South Vietnam

a. A delegation of Buddhist leaders is scheduled to sit down with government representatives today. Despite a pacifying public statement by Diem yesterday, there is as yet no clear indication how far he is willing to go to meet Buddhist grievances.

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b. Tensions were up in Saigon yesterday following the dramatic self-cremation of a Buddhist monk but the day passed without serious incidents. Orders to government security forces to go easy on demonstrators apparently helped.

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NOTES

A. Yemen Following yesterday's UN Security Council vote--in which the USSR abstained--Von Horn and his advance party are to leave Beirut for Sana today.

B. Iraq-Kurds Government forces are using scorched-earth tactics in the now-resumed campaign against the Kurds. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] The Kurdish tribes appear, however, to be coming together in a solid front of resistance and we continue to believe the government may get itself in trouble trying to beat them down.

C. Haiti-Poland The Duvalier government continues to explore the possibility of economic assistance from the Communist bloc. [REDACTED]

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D. Venezuela Pro-Castro terrorists, who yesterday put the torch to a US-owned rubber warehouse in Caracas, plan next to replenish their arms supplies by raiding a military barracks in Caracas. [REDACTED]

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